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SUBJECT: LABOR - GOG INCREASES WAGES AND PENSIONS IN  
PUBLIC SECTOR

1. PM CARAMANLIS ANNOUNCED JAN 29 THAT SALARIES OF ALL CIVIL SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC LEGAL ENTITIES WILL BE INCREASED BY 10PC; PENSIONS OF RETIRED MEMBERS THOSE SAME CATEGORIES WILL ALSO BE INCREASED BY 10PC; AND PENSIONS RECEIVED BY WORKERS COVERED UNDER GREEK SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (IKA) WILL BE INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE 15PC. ALL INCREASES TO BE COME EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1975. LAST TIME THAT SALARIES AND PENSIONS OF CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC LEGAL ENTITIES INCREASED WAS SEP 1, 1974 WHEN A 10PC HIKE WAS GIVEN.

2. INCREASE IN SALARIES IN PUBLIC SERVICE CATEGORIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE EFFECT ON REST OF LABOR SECTOR. FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE RELATIONSHIP WILL COMMENCE TOMORROW (JAN 31) WHEN MEETINGS BEGIN TO  
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FORMULATE A NATIONAL GENERAL COLLECTIVE LABOR AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF GREEK WORKERS (GSEE) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS EMPLOYER ASSOCIATIONS, E.G. FEDERATION OF GREEK INDUSTRIALISTS, ETC. THE GSEE HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED DEMANDS THAT MINIMUM DAILY WAGES AND MINIMUM MONTHLY WAGES OF UNSKILLED WORKERS BE INCREASED BY 30-40PC. THE LAST INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGES BECAME EFFECTIVE SEP 1, 1974 AND WAS ON THE ORDER OF 10PC. THE COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS TOMORROW TO ARRIVE AT A GENERAL COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT IS NOTEWORTHY IN THAT IT WILL REPRESENT THE FIRST SUCH ACTIVITY SINCE 1969--WHEN THE PAPADOPOULOS GOVT ASSUMED AUTHORITY FOR SETTING NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE STANDARDS BY FIAT.

3. A PRIMARY EFFECT OF THE SETTING OF NEW NATIONWIDE MINIMUM WAGE STANDARDS THROUGH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE GSEE AND THE EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE THE SETTING INTO MOTION OF RELATED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MACHINERY TO SET WAGE LEVELS (OTHER THAN MINIMUM) THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE VARIOUS CRAFT INDUSTRIES IN THE COUNTRY.  
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